GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND GAMES BY SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has set up full-fledged infrastructure in West Bengal for promotion of sports and games and provide appropriate training facilities for athletes of the State;

(b) if so, the details of such infrastructure set up in the State along with its existing activities achievements including its long term plans; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Sports Authority of India has setup its Eastern regional Centre at Kolkata having its administrative office, sports infrastructure, playfields, sports Sciences centre, etc. SAI is also imparting training to sportspersons in the following centres:-

SAI Training Centres.
1. Kolkata
2. Burdwan
3. Lebong
4. Siliguri

Centre of Excellence. Kolkata
National Sports Talent Contest Scheme. Sukantanagar Vidyaniketan Salt Lake City, Kolkata.
Indigenous Games & Martial Art. Sharda Vihar Mandir, Sundarshanpur Post Raiganj, Distt. Dinajpur.

During the last two years, 27 sportspersons form SAI Regional Centre, Kolkata have won medals at National Level and 92 sportspersons at International Level in different sports disciplines.
As part of the long term plans, SAI aims to achieve the following outcome in the country, including the State of West Bengal, during the 11th Five Year Plan :

(i) To increase the number of SAI trainees under different sports promotional schemes from 10000 to 50000 within the Plan period.

(ii) To create the required sports facilities and other infrastructure for the increased number of trainees.

(iii) To provide the required scientific support to the sportspersons.

(iv) To contribute in increasing India`s medal tally in Commonwealth Games 2010, Asian Games 2008 and Olympic Games 2012.

(v) To create residential accommodation catering to the need of National and International level Sportspersons in the Regional Centres of SAI.